

Committee of Concern
7/19/67

EMERGENCY RECOMMENDATION

Newark Council of Business Associations
524 Orange Street, Newark

The Newark Council of Business Associations represents five associations: Springfield Avenue Businessmen's Association; Roseville Avenue Businessmen's Association; Broadway-Bloomfield Avenue Businessmen's Association; Ferry Street Businessmen's Association; and the Bergen Street Businessmen's Association.

Following is a 10-point proposal adopted and signed by all of the organizations:

1. Due to the enormous destruction of property in Newark because of the demolition of homes and businesses caused by the East-West Freeway which demolished over 300 homes and businesses, the new Rt. 22 which will demolish 1500 homes and businesses, new educational institutions such as Rutgers which has wiped out homes and businesses, plus the new Medical Center which is planned along with other plants, Newark has been thrown into a state of economic disaster which can only be handled from the highest levels of government. Therefore, we are calling upon the responsible Negro and white communities, which fortunately represent 98% of the population, to ask that President Johnson declare Newark an economic disaster area for five years.
2. Establish a \$5.00 tax rate during this period and the balance needed above this to be paid by the Federal and State Governments, giving them supervisory power over the Newark City Budget if they so desire.
3. Roll back all rents, both housing and commercial to the January 1, 1967 level and freezing them during the disaster period.
4. Payment in full by the Federal Government to businessmen in the riot-torn areas to cover any losses not covered by insurance.
5. Low-cost insurance to be subsidized by the Federal Government against any such future disasters.
6. Jobs to be made available to all under-privileged youth in either employment or job training which is to be considered employment.
7. For children up to 16 years old, massive recreation programs in the riot-torn areas to erase the nightmare from their minds such as converting empty lots into playgrounds, supervisory help (teacher aides included) in making available this program, and daily busing to the beaches and parks for these children.
8. A program to help train Negro youth to learn skilled trades. If the union membership will not permit Negroes to have better representation in their unions, Negroes should be permitted to form their own union so that they can become skilled electricians, sheetmetal workers, bricklayers, etc., at high salaries on union jobs.

9. Study in depth of the whole education problem. Discrimination against the Negro starts from the time he enters kindergarten. By the time he has reached the 8th grade, he is two years behind. In high school he becomes a dropout and thus becomes unemployable in our technological society. The study should include election of Board of Education members instead of mayoral appointment. At least five of the nine members of the Board should have children in the Newark public schools under the appointment system.

10. Negroes must develop peaceful political power. Riots must cease. The white population must help them develop this power so that political recognition is given to all qualified persons regardless of color in all segments of our society.

We estimate that it will take \$25 million to roll back the tax rate and \$35 million to get these proposed programs underway.

The whole white community must pledge itself. The small businessmen have pledged themselves to this 10-point program. Anything less than this will do no good at all.

Martin Rafferty, President
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Employment Committee

1. Follow through on contracts with the industrialists who attended the earlier meetings of this committee.
2. That the Executive Committee of the Committee of Concern meet with officials (Livissaker, Minish, Shriver or Proctor) about getting Federal funds for two purposes: (1) to increase the number of training slots allotted to already existing Federal programs, e.g., Neighborhood Youth Corps, MDTA and OJT Program; (2) to set up a long-range program of re-construction of the City simultaneously training the residents of the riot area for the jobs which will be created by re-construction.

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Welfare and Health Committee

1. Ask the Newark Housing Authority to declare a moratorium on eviction notices for the next 60 days.
2. Establishment of an emergency telephone where people in need can be advised as to where they can obtain immediate food, medical care, etc.
3. Get welfare recipients to join with this committee.

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Planning and Zoning Committee

1. Committee calls upon the trustees of the N. J. Medical College and the Newark City Government to abrogate by mutual consent the present contract committing approximately 150 acres to the new medical school. At the same time the Committee calls upon the Governor and the business leadership of Newark to use all their influence to this end of contract abrogation.
2. Committee calls also upon the trustees of the Medical College to not affect the present situation by preparation for any construction until a site is selected which is fair and agreeable to Newark, the Medical College and to the non-white citizens of Newark.
3. Committee sanctions support of legal channels to this end in the event our recommendation is not accepted by the trustees and the City Government.

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Education Committee

Resolutions to the Newark Board of Education:

1. That there be immediately established for September a crash program of reeducation of teachers in the area of methods, curriculum and approach to teaching the child of the ghetto--this program to be assisted curriculumwise by Dr. Kenneth Clark and Charles Silberman.
2. That in every class of more than 25 pupils, a teacher assistant be appointed from the community in a non-professional or pre-professional capacity, receiving preparatory and in-service training.
3. That methods be found for immediate implementation of the entire school building program.

SUMMARY OF COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE
MEETING

July 19, 1967

Informing

- (1) Education of white community of city needs, especially core part of the city
 - (a) reach not only the white concerned but also the unconcerned
 - (b) speakers to include grass roots people to tell of own life, experiences and problems
 - (c) white community to see for themselves
- (2) Coordinating efforts of various groups with similar objectives
- (3) Getting to and involving teenagers, including suburban teenagers
- (4) Speakers Bureau
 - Coordinated press releases of various committees
- (5) Allay fears in the white community
- (6) Period bulletin of activities
- (7) Ask Mr. Scruggs to be part of the committee

Al Wallach,
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THE COMMITTEE OF CONCERN
VOTER REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

July 20, 1967

The Voter Registration Committee submits the following report:

We had our first meeting Wednesday, July 19, at Rutgers Law School at approximately 9:00 p.m. The ten members present elected Theodore Pinckney, temporary chairman and proceeded to discuss a Voter Registration Drive. In the opinion of the committee, the area to be concentrated on in its initial efforts are the Central and South Wards, with particular emphasis placed on those wards which had a small turnout of voters in the last election. Within these two wards there are approximately 85 election districts, each contains from 550 to 650 eligible voters. Each district also has 4 District Leaders, 2 Democrat and 2 Republican, who would be of invaluable service in the conduct of a non-partisan registration drive. To assure their cooperation, and through them, the acquisition of volunteers indigenous to that community, we propose to contribute to them a nominal fee of \$20 for the canvas of the area. This is a prerequisite to any successful registration drive. It would also then, be necessary on the night of actual registration to be conducted at a site within these wards. We also feel the necessity for contributing at least \$10 to each District Leader for the cooperation and the work that he would do for us at that time.

Along with these expenses we must also consider the cost of gas for those volunteers who would contribute the use of their cars for our endeavor. There would also be printing costs, the cost of renting loud-speakers, and various other items necessary to conduct a meaningful and productive registration drive. These should come to not more than \$3,000, therefore, we request that an appropriation of \$13,200, for this purpose would handle these necessary items.

The committee also recommends that a telephone answering squad be established to answer any inquiries in regards to voting. We hope to advertise these services through public service announcements on radio and television. We also suggest that funds be made available to us for advertising in the newspapers of our registration nights. These additional expenses should come to not more than \$2,000. This would raise our request to \$15,200.

Ancillary to an effective voter registration drive, we also view voter education as part of our responsibility. It is the committee's viewpoint, that mere registration without voter education is meaningless and this part accounts for poor voting participation. In order to combine registration and education it is our suggestion that we hold training classes for those that will participate with us. This training will be donated to the committee by The Voter Information Council. We feel that informed volunteers can impart some of this information to those he contacts.

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